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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, and herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing this response from June 11, 2003, to July 11, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

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